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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Mezes et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/044,564 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned  
FILING DATE: January 11, 2002 ART UNIT: 1635  
FOR: Proteins and Nucleic Acids Encoding Same

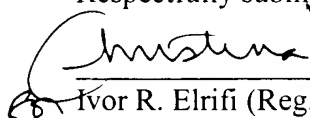
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the February 8, 2002 Notice of Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the five-month extension, this filing is due on or before September 9, 2002 (September 8, 2002 being a Sunday).

A check in the amount of \$1,960.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5), is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-240 (Cura-540). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed. Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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